

## WOMAN'S SPHERE.

Edited by Committee of the Kansas County Woman's Suffrage Association.

**ABILITY HAS NO SEX.**  
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Annual Convention Kansas W. S. A. at Topeka.

The first annual convention of the Kansas Woman Suffrage Association was held in Topeka, Jan. 15 and 16. The attendance was much smaller than was expected. Many nonvoting local Societies were unrepresented. The afternoon of the 15th was devoted to reports and short addresses by members and visitors, Miss Jennie Newby, State Organizer for the W. C. T. U., among the number. In the evening Miss Helen M. Gouger addressed objections to Women Suffrage made by members of the house during the day, when called for by committees on the "Political Rights of Women."

The 16th was devoted to business. After considerable discussion it was decided best not to endorse any paper as yet. Subsequently the officers for the year resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Anna C. Waite, Lincoln Centre, Kansas; Vice Pres.—Mrs. Laura M. Johns, Salina; Corr. Secy.—Mrs. M. Findley, Topeka; Fin. Secy.—Miss Jennie Newby and Bertha Ellsworth; Executive Committee—Mr. Hutchins, Lawrence, Kan.; W. B. Slosson, Leavenworth, Kansas; Prof. G. W. Wright, Columbus, Kansas; Prof. E. O. Smith, Topeka; Mrs. F. D. DeGore, Garden City, Kas.; Mrs. M. L. Berry, Gardner City, Kas.; Mrs. Mrs. Lutz, Lincoln Centre, Kas.; Mrs. Mrs. Emma Terrell, Carneiro, Kas.; Col. Henry Logan, Salina, Kas.; T. L. Bond, Salina, Kansas.

On the morning of the 16th, Mrs. Gouger spoke in the Assembly Chamber to a large and interested audience.

The address was an able one and telling its effect. At the close of the meeting, a number confessed to the various forms of practice of the suffrage. There was a large army of men and women who "haven't thought" and there is no better agency for getting folks thinking than one of Mrs. Gouger's stirring speeches. Her work on the "Political Rights of Woman." The discussion being confined to the bare question of granting the committee, but going into the merits and demerits of the Suffrage question itself, showed the number and variety of the forms of opposition to our cause. The effort to secure a special committee in the Senate, resulted in failure. The House was nearly equally divided.

Senator Barker moved that Mrs. Gouger be allowed a hearing before the Senate. Senator Smith moved to lay this motion on the table; immediately the call of the Senate was demanded, when Senator Barker withdrew his motion thus ending the meeting.

The petitions sent in from all parts of the State, are put into the hands of the Legislators, representing the districts from which the petitions came. This expression of the sentiment of his constituency is not without its effect.

The outlook is very cheerful. As much was effected in two days work in the Kansas Legislature as has often required a month to accomplish in other Legislatures. Other Legislators are being besieged.

Millions of signatures have been turned up under the prayer for Municipal, State, and National Suffrage. The "power that cannot always turn a deaf ear." The various organizations are active and hopeful, and the ever increasing interest of both women and men promises success.

A writer in the *Woman's Journal* says "any young lady who means to write a novel, ought to circulate a petition for Municipal Suffrage, There is hardly an end to the queer types of character which will unfold their peculiarities before her while setting forth their objections to the suffrage petition." The truth of the foregoing was fully verified in our own experience when canvassing Salina about a week ago. Although we were fully gratified to find so many fully appreciating the importance of the subject, and willing to give their support, but a few very intelligent people refused, giving the most foolish reasons for doing so; for instance, one lady told us that if women voted they would all be runnins for office; another that women were great trouble to men. When we cited the comparative numbers of men and women in the population, she replied, that was because women were not caught in their meanness; in the next breath she said women must keep themselves pure and chaste, and that was the reason for going to the polls with the men. Another lady said, if we voted, we must do just as the men did—drink, swear, &c. We were loth to admit that it would be necessary for women to become as foolish as possible in order to cast an intelligent vote. Another said it would make women masculine, as though voting was a masculine prerogative requiring great masculine strength. Another said, "I am not for it, but I am for it." While we had told "the flattering notion to our soul" that it would prevent war, as the masculine gender usually represented the fighting element. A gentleman in society told us "we were not fit to rule over us"; when asked if he did not think it was safe to entrust women to keep within her sphere as man, he replied no, and quoted St. Paul, "Women obey your husbands." He evidently supposed that God created man to be the master to whom he could submit himself in order to cast an intelligent voice. Another said it would make women masculine, as though voting was a masculine prerogative requiring great masculine strength. Another said, "I am not for it, but I am for it."

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